

Institutional Open Access Agreements

Open access made simple and sustainable



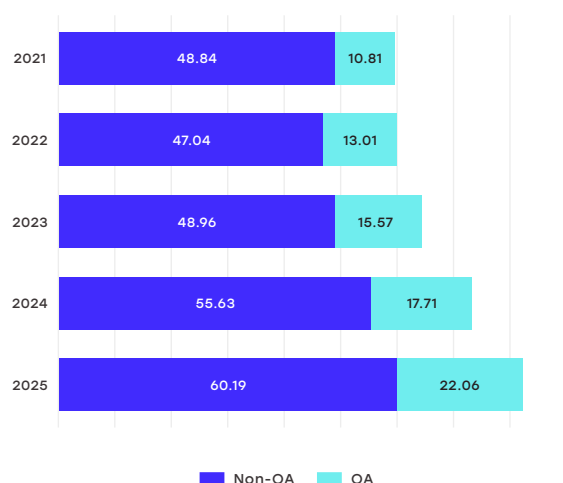
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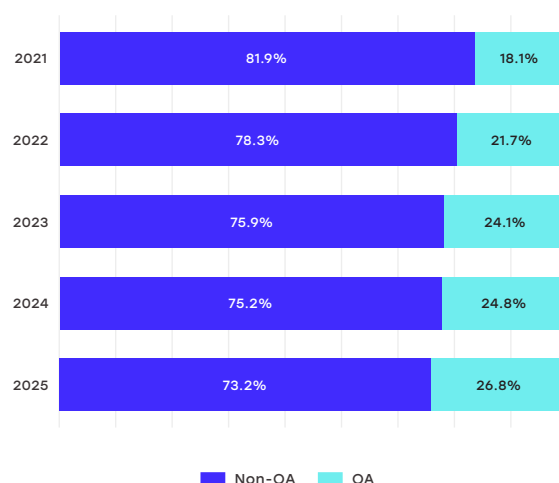
Helping you navigate the transition to open access

Emerging funder requirements and growing expectations for publicly funded research to be openly available are accelerating the shift toward open access worldwide. Institutions must navigate this transition amid static or decreasing budgets and complex publishing models. At the same time, the volume of articles requiring a subscription to access is also increasing.

OA and non-OA articles published by year (thousands)*



Percentage of OA and non-OA articles published by year*



* Articles published by year across all ACS Publications journals

ACS Publications institutional open access agreements help you navigate this evolving landscape by integrating reading and publishing in ways that increase efficiency, improve the author experience, and support long-term sustainability.

ACS Publications institutional OA agreements deliver:

- Simplified administration for institutions
- Increased author participation in open access
- Improved author satisfaction
- Mutually sustainable economics
- Uncompromised rigor and trust
- Elevated institutional visibility and impact

How ACS Publications institutional open access agreements work for you

ACS institutional open access agreements simplify open access at scale while ensuring mutual sustainability, preserving researcher choice, and maintaining access to content that fuels breakthroughs.

Simplicity

- Authors opt for open access with a **single click** at acceptance
- **Standardized** eligibility and approval processes reduce exceptions and administrative effort
- **Dedicated ACS staff** support onboarding, monitoring, and ongoing utilization throughout the agreement

Your institution benefits from:

Reduced administrative burden.
Increased author participation.
Improved satisfaction.

Choice

- Authors retain the freedom to publish in **most-trusted journals** best aligned with their research objectives
- ACS offers the **widest array** of institutional and individual OA publishing pathways
- Editorial decisions remain **fully independent** and grounded exclusively in scientific merit

Your institution benefits from:

Freedom for authors to publish where they choose, backed by ACS's trusted standards of scientific rigor.

Sustainability

- **Predictable** agreement structures reduce reliance on individual APC transactions
- OA publishing costs are **offset against existing investment** in subscription access
- Supports continued **ACS investment** in peer review, editorial oversight, research integrity systems, and preservation of the scholarly record

Your institution benefits from:

More predictable costs today with the flexibility to adapt tomorrow.

Prestige & visibility

- Increased OA output in highly trusted journals **amplifies reach, citations, and real-world impact**
- Strengthens ability to **recruit top researchers** and compete for grant funding
- Barrier-free access, paired with simple publishing workflows, **increases faculty uptake and satisfaction**

Your institution benefits from:

Greater research visibility, stronger institutional reputation, and increased global reach.

Which type of agreement is right for your institution?

ACS read and publish agreements: the most comprehensive path to open access

ACS read and publish agreements are designed for institutions seeking to maximize the impact of their research while simplifying open access publishing. These agreements provide full reading access to ACS Publications content, with support for publishing the version of record as immediate gold open access in eligible hybrid and/or fully open access journals.

ACS read and green agreements: a practical pathway to support open access compliance

ACS read and green agreements are designed for institutions that are not yet ready to transition to a comprehensive read and publish model, or whose publishing volume makes immediate gold open access less practical. These agreements provide full reading access while enabling authors to immediately self-archive the accepted manuscript upon publication, helping institutions meet many funder open access requirements. Read and Green offers a flexible stepping stone toward broader open access adoption while preserving access to ACS's trusted subscription content.

How does the open access process work?

Designed to minimize administrative effort, ACS institutional agreements integrate seamlessly into the author's existing workflow.

- 1.** Author submits article to their preferred ACS Publications journal
 - 2.** Article proceeds through ACS Publications' rigorous editorial and peer review process
 - 3.** Upon acceptance for publication, the Author's eligibility for OA is automatically identified.
 - 4.** The author is presented with the publishing option available through their institution's agreement.
- 5a.** Read and green: Author may immediately self-deposit the accepted manuscript.
 - 5b.** Read and publish: The version of record is published as immediate gold open access. ACS Publications will deposit the article in PubMed Central and EuropePMC when applicable.

(Other automatic deposit options may be available - contact your ACS Sales representative for further information.)

Institutional OA agreement types compared

Feature	Read and publish	Read and green
ACS All Publications reading access, 1996 - present <i>(Covering >1m articles, plus 50,000+ new articles per year)</i>	Yes	Yes
Archiving for Version of Record	Yes - ACS submits to PubMed Central / PMC Europe	No
Immediate self-archiving for accepted manuscripts	Yes	Yes
ACS journals eligible for OA support	Choose to support immediate OA publication in any of the following: ■ Hybrid journals ■ ACS Omega ■ All other fully OA journals	Optional support for APC discounts in fully OA journals
CC licenses for version of record	CC BY, CC BY-NC-ND, or choice of either license	N/A

Explore an institutional open access agreement tailored to your institution's goals

Contact your ACS representative or email ACSPubsSales@acs.org to start the conversation.



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